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	Device Including Bonded	§	
	Ports For Increased	§	
	Bandwidth	§	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with the filing of a divisional application. The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 8 of this paper.